

SPEAKER: Clerk will please read.

CLERK: Motion read.

SENATOR BARNETT: Now I would like to say this. Yesterday I voted in favor of Senator Carpenter's motion and LB 259. I did it for one specific reason, I feel that if we stay down here the people in this State will have to pay a 3--3½% sales tax and possibly a 20-25% income tax. I think we had a gentleman come before us yesterday in the clothing of the Governor of the State of Nebraska and tell us that he could reduce the taxes in this day and age. I don't think he possibly could. I don't think he can and I don't think if he has the chance, that he'd do it. I'd like to inform you that through the night I had my wife and my two oldest children fielding calls. I've had them this morning and the people in my district have had one person out of the calls that I got that have agreed with me to go on and let the Governor have his way. I've had the people tell me, don't shirk your duty, don't be afraid to spend money for the programs that you think are necessary, that's what we elected you for. I find that in my position, I'll be the first one to crack and to turn back and say, nice try, Governor Exon, I don't think you could have done it but I feel that I might have made a mistake yesterday. I'm willing to admit it now in front of the State, in front of these people and tell you that I personally think that what we ought to do is shelve the Carpenter motion of yesterday, go about our business as responsible Senators and if you agree with me, you'll vote for the motion, otherwise you'll stay where you're at. I apologize to the people that I told I would support them but I don't think and I have to be perfectly honest with you--I don't think that I was very responsible yesterday and after a night of sleeping and thinking about it, I'm the first one to admit that I could have made a mistake. I therefore move for the adoption of the motion.

PRESIDENT: Senator Marvel, did you wish to speak on this issue? We have before us the Barnett motion which would rescind the Carpenter action--

SENATOR MARVEL: I wish to make, I wish to make only this statement. Despite all the criticism that was thrown at us yesterday, I think this is the one time in the history of this State that this legislative body took and can continue to take

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